

Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1914.

I have the honour to submit my Report on the work of the Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority for the year ending the 31st December, 1914.

The Health conditions of the Port continue to be satisfactory, no cases of sickness have been reported and no death has occurred on board any vessel.

There have been no arrivals from infected Ports and no special warnings have been received.

A Sub-Committee has inspected certain land suggested as a suitable site for a temporary Isolation Hospital, and a Report will be presented in due course.

Appended to this Report is one I have received from the Inspector of Nuisances (Mr. Francis Parr) as follows:—

I have to inform you that during the year ending the 31st December, 1914, the usual inspection of vessels arriving within the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority has been fully maintained, and I herewith beg to submit a table shewing the number of vessels entering the Port, the number of visits of inspection paid and the defects found to exist, and a second table indicating the nature of the defects and how they were dealt with.

TABLE No. 1.

Shewing the number of vessels entering the Port, the number of inspections and the number of Sanitary defects.

	Ships.			Inspections		Defects.		Total.
	British.	Foreign.	Total.	made.	British.	Foreign.		
January	... 128		128	97	5		5	
February	... 98		98	64	3		3	
March	... 123		123	81	5		5	
April	... 142	1	143	87	5		5	
May	... 127		127	93	6		6	
June	... 120		120	86	4		4	
July	... 112	4	116	79	1	5	6	
August	... 118	1	119	78	3	1	4	
September	... 110		110	75	3		3	
October	... 106	2	108	76	2	2	4	
November	... 107		107	44	3		3	
December	... 89		89	43	3		3	
Totals	1380	8	1388	903	43	8	51	



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TABLE No. 2.

Nature of defects and how dealt with,					
Nature of Defects.		British.	Foreign.	Total.	Abated.
Forecastle, Dirty	...	18		18	18
„ Verminous	...	1		1	1
„ Damp	...	10		10	10
„ Gear stored therein		2		2	2
„ Want of Ventilation			1	1	1
Latrines, choked	...	3	5	8	8
„ Stores kept therein		1		1	1
Water, Tanks dirty	...	7	1	8	8
„ Bad	...	1	1	2	2
Totals		43	8	51	51

I am able to report that all the Nuisances discovered during the year have been abated, but in the case of the Sailing Ship, “Lavinia,” it was necessary to issue the usual Statutory notice to compel the works to be done, viz:—the cleaning and repairing of the Forecastle, so as to make it fit for human habitation.

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Medical Officer of Health.

27th January, 1915.

